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Application No. 10/060,208) Group Art Unit: 1744  
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Title: Methods For Sterilizing Tissues )

**PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78**

Applicants seek the granting of a Petition for Unintentionally Delayed Claim under 37 C.F.R. 1.78. Applicants unintentionally delayed a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the above-referenced application.

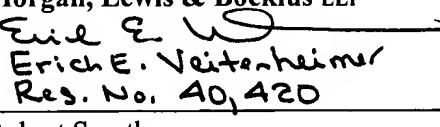
The above-referenced application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/960,703 (filed September 24, 2001). Applicants have submitted herewith an Amendment to the Specification to incorporate the benefit claim.

The entire delay between the date when the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

As set forth on the accompanying transmittal form, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1,330.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the petition fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.78.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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